CERAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2020; 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

In attendance via WebEx videoconference: Diane Scruggs, Joan Pernecke, Tamara Fuller, Brenda Lindsey, Marnita Martin-Harris,

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM by Diane Scruggs with a vote to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2020 meeting.

Marnita Martin-Harris introduced herself as the new Deputy Director of Child Protection and DCFS liaison to this committee.

This committee set meeting dates for the upcoming calendar year. The group decided to continue to meet on the 2nd Friday of each quarter. The committee will convene on January 8, April 9th, July 9th and October 8th for calendar year 2021. It was also noted that Dana Weiner from Chapin Hall should be invited to the next meeting to share her work regarding CERAP with the committee.

Diane Scruggs stressed the need for recruitment of new members to the committee. Diane asked that contact information for any potential new candidates for positions on this committee be forwarded to Diane.

Tamara Fuller told the group that she had received the annual report from Western Illinois University for fiscal year 2019 as well as scenario's and sample questions for the CERAP exam.

Tamara Fuller suggested that the group use interrater reliability data from the Office of Learning and Professional Development (OLPD) for future research projects. Tamara also mentioned that the group has historically focused on the evaluation and not on the CERAP training. Brenda Lindsey provided an overview of how OLPD currently trains staff on the CERAP. Further discussion occurred regarding how the CERAP evaluation should look in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.